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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Paulino - All City Departments, via the Mayors Offices

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: October 21, 2024

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee received the following proposed Ordinance:

File No. 2401022

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a process for creating a publicly available inventory of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") the City procures, and to develop an impact assessment standard for the City's procurement of AI.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to Victor Young at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: [victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto:victor.young@sfgov.org).

c: Andres Power, Mayor's Office



# City and County of San Francisco

## Master Report

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**File Number:** 241022      **File Type:** Ordinance      **Status:** 30 Day Rule

**Enacted:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Effective:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Version:** 1      **In Control:** Rules Committee

**File Name:** Administrative Code - Artificial Intelligence Inventory, Impact Assessment, and Procurement Standards      **Date Introduced:** 10/15/2024

**Requester:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Action:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a process for creating a publicly available inventory of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) the City procures, and to develop an impact assessment standard for the City’s procurement of AI.

**Sponsors:** Ronen; Peskin,  
Chan, Preston  
and Walton

### History of Legislative File 241022

Ver	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Result
1	President	10/15/2024	ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE	Rules Committee	11/14/2024	

1 [Administrative Code - Artificial Intelligence Inventory, Impact Assessment, and Procurement  
2 Standards]

3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a process for creating a**  
4 **publicly available inventory of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) the City procures, and to**  
5 **develop an impact assessment standard for the City’s procurement of AI.**

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7 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
8 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
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10 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
11 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
12 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
13 subsections or parts of tables.

14 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

15 Section 1. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding new Chapter 22J  
16 consisting of Sections 22J.1, 22J.2, 22J.3, and 22J.4, to read as follows:

17 **CHAPTER 22J: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS**

18 **SEC. 22J.1. BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS.**

19 (a) Many technologists, historians, scientists, elected officials, and other societal leaders  
20 believe that the advent of Artificial Intelligence that has advanced significantly with the release of  
21 generative systems is revolutionizing, and will continue to revolutionize, our world.

22 (b) Local governments have been using AI products since the early 1990s. However, beginning  
23 in the 2010s, significant advancements in AI technology, including machine and deep learning, led to a  
24 surge in acquisition of various products by local governments. With the advent of Generative AI  
25 products like Chat GPT and others that produce original content, the potential benefits and risks to San  
Francisco residents and workers have increased.

1 (c) Policymakers are trying to avoid repeating past mistakes with technological developments,  
2 like the failure to regulate social media before it led to many societal harms, and find ways to protect  
3 human beings from the worst predictable problems of this newest wave of technological advancement.

4 (d) While the City government, as with all levels of government, continues to develop the best  
5 tools for the City to both harness the benefits and protect against the harms of emerging AI technology,  
6 it is important that policymakers and the public understand the AI technologies the City is using and  
7 will use in the future.

8 (e) The City has a decentralized Information Technology (IT) system. Most City departments  
9 have their own IT units and as of 2024 the City's Department of Technology ("DT") did not generally  
10 know which AI products and systems were in use by departments.

11 (f) This Chapter 22J remedies this problem by requiring the City's Chief Information Officer  
12 ("CIO") to create a public inventory of AI products used within City government. The inventory will  
13 include basic facts about the technology including its purpose, accuracy, biases, and limits.

14 (g) This Chapter also directs the CIO to conduct an analysis of the products in the inventory to  
15 determine the impacts of these technologies on human beings living and working in San Francisco, and  
16 to develop procurement standards.

17 (h) As of 2024, the City used AI products in a variety of ways. Here are just a few illustrative  
18 examples:

19 (1) The Department of Technology used AI to review activity on IT infrastructure for network  
20 security, intrusion detection, and to identify other potential cybersecurity threats.

21 (2) The SF311 mobile application used AI to make upfront service type recommendations based  
22 on the user's description or picture of the issue. A model had been trained on years of service request  
23 (SR) data.

24 (3) The Department of Public Health (DPH) Radiology Department used an AI-based medical  
25 imaging tool to support the confirmatory diagnosis of cerebrovascular events (strokes). The AI system

1 reviewed imaging studies (CT scans) and provided supporting information to the physicians who make  
2 the diagnoses.

3 (i) The use of AI products by local governments can offer many benefits including but not  
4 limited to increased efficiency and effectiveness of public services, quick and accurate analysis of large  
5 volumes of data, automation of routine administrative tasks, facilitation of communication between  
6 residents and their local government through chatbots and virtual assistants, and prediction of  
7 potential hazards.

8 (j) However, with the increased use of AI products, local governments also potentially subject  
9 their workers, residents, and visitors to new risks, including:

10 (1) Privacy Concerns: AI systems often collect, store, and analyze vast amounts of data, which  
11 can include personal information of individuals. This raises concerns about privacy breaches,  
12 unauthorized data sharing, and surveillance, potentially leading to a loss of anonymity in public  
13 spaces.

14 (2) Bias and Discrimination: AI algorithms can perpetuate or amplify existing biases if they are  
15 trained on data that reflects societal inequities. This can result in discriminatory outcomes in areas  
16 such as law enforcement, housing, and public services, disproportionately affecting marginalized  
17 communities.

18 (3) Lack of Transparency: Many AI systems operate as "black boxes," meaning the processes  
19 and decision-making criteria are not transparent to users or the public. This can erode trust and make  
20 it challenging for individuals to understand how decisions that affect their lives are made.

21 (4) Job Displacement: The automation of certain government functions through AI can lead to  
22 job losses in the public sector or in industries reliant on those functions, impacting the employment  
23 landscape and economic stability of communities.

1           (5) Security Risks: AI systems can be vulnerable to cyberattacks and exploitation. If malicious  
2 actors gain access to these systems, they can manipulate data, disrupt services, or compromise  
3 sensitive information, potentially leading to significant harm to individuals.

4           (6) Dependence on Technology: Increasing reliance on AI for critical services may create  
5 vulnerabilities. Technical failures or misconfigurations can result in service interruptions or errors that  
6 affect public safety and welfare.

7           (7) Ethical Concerns: The application of AI in sensitive areas (e.g., policing, social services)  
8 raises ethical concerns about the appropriateness of AI decisions in life-altering contexts, such as risk  
9 assessment for individuals involved in the justice system or the allocation of social support.

10           (8) Erosion of Civil Liberties: Heightened surveillance and data collection through AI can  
11 infringe on civil liberties, prompting concerns about the potential overreach of government authority  
12 and reduced freedoms for individuals.

13           (9) Public Mistrust: The combination of the above risks can lead to a general sense of mistrust  
14 in government, where residents may feel that the government is not acting in their best interests or that  
15 their rights are being compromised.

16           (k) In order to promote the ethical, responsible, and transparent use of AI tools, this Chapter  
17 develops impact assessment standards for their procurement. These standards include a risk  
18 assessment procedure that analyzes specified characteristics of the AI tool, appropriate risk controls,  
19 and adverse incident monitoring procedures.

20           **SEC. 22J.2. DEFINITIONS.**

21           For the purposes of this Chapter 22J, the following definitions shall apply:

22           “AI” means Artificial Intelligence.

23           “Algorithms” means a set of rules that a machine follows to generate an outcome or a  
24 decision.

1 “Artificial Intelligence” means an engineered or machine-based system that varies in its level  
2 of autonomy and that can, for explicit or implicit objectives, infer from the input it receives how to  
3 generate outputs that can influence physical or virtual environments.

4 “Chatbot” means a computer program that simulates conversations.

5 “CIO” means the City’s Chief Information Officer, or designee.

6 “City” means the City and County of San Francisco.

7 “COIT” means the Committee on Information and Communications Technology or one of its  
8 committees.

9 “Department” means any unit or component of City government, including but not limited to  
10 boards and commissions, departments, offices, agencies, or officials..

11 “Training Data” means the dataset that is used by a machine learning model to learn the rules.

12 **SEC. 22J.3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

13 (a) City Chief Information Officer. Within six months of the effective date of this Chapter 22J,  
14 the CIO shall distribute a list of questions regarding AI technology in use from Departments, collect the  
15 responses and begin publishing the responses on a publicly available website. Within a year of the  
16 effective date, the inventory shall be complete and it shall be updated as systems are put into use. The  
17 inventory shall require Departments to disclose the products or systems that include AI technology the  
18 Department has procured, and for each product shall disclose the following information:

19 (1) A brief description of the system’s purpose and function;

20 (2) The intended use of the system;

21 (3) The context or domain in which the system is intended to be used;

22 (4) The data used to train the system;

23 (5) A high-level explanation of how the system works;

24 (6) A description of the data fed into the system and the data generated by the system;

1           (7) A description of what the system is optimizing for, and its accuracy, preferably with  
2 numerical performance metrics (e.g., BiLingual Evaluation Understudy (BLEU) scores for AI language  
3 translation tools);

4           (8) Conditions necessary for the system to perform optimally (e.g., outdoor cameras  
5 with AI technology performing well in sunny weather);

6           (9) Conditions under which the system’s performance would decrease in accuracy (e.g.,  
7 outdoor cameras with AI technology possibly performing sub-optimally on rainy or cloudy days);

8           (10) Whether testing has been performed to identify any bias in the system, such as bias  
9 based on race, gender, etc., and the results of those tests;

10           (11) A description of how and where users report bias, inaccuracies, or poor  
11 performance of the system;

12           (12) A description of the conditions or circumstances under which the system has been  
13 tested;

14           (13) A description of adverse incident monitoring procedures and communication;

15           (14) A description of the level of human oversight associated with the system;

16           (15) A description of whether the data collected will or can be used for training of  
17 proprietary vendor or third-party systems; and

18           (16) Any other information the CIO or the Committee on Information Technology  
19 (COIT) deem appropriate.

20           (b) Within a year of the effective date of this Chapter 22J, the CIO shall be responsible for  
21 creating a process to conduct an AI Impact Assessment on all AI products or systems used by the City.  
22 The CIO’s AI Impact Assessment shall be included in the information provided publicly in the City’s AI  
23 inventory. The CIO may include input from relevant Departments, labor unions, and public interest or  
24 non-profit organizations when conducting the AI Impact Assessment. The CIO shall perform AI Impact  
25 Assessment on all AI products with the exception of products that do not in any way impact the public’s



1 or an individual's rights, opportunities, or access to critical needs. Examples of products that do not  
2 need an AI Impact Assessment include systems for document management, grammar or spell checkers,  
3 and email filtering. At minimum, where relevant, the AI Impact Assessment shall include the following:

- 4 (1) The individuals and communities that will interact with the system;
- 5 (2) How the information or decisions generated by the system could impact an  
6 individual's rights, freedoms, economic status, health, health care, or well-being;
- 7 (3) How users with diverse abilities will interact with the user interface of the system  
8 and whether the system integrates and interacts with commonly used assistive technologies;
- 9 (4) Whether the system is expected to replace any jobs currently being performed by  
10 human beings;
- 11 (5) Why the City purchased or intends to purchase the product;
- 12 (6) Steps to be taken to mitigate the risk of the AI use or system; and
- 13 (7) Any other information the CIO or COIT deem appropriate, including but not limited  
14 to modifications to items (1) through (6).

15 (c) The CIO shall be responsible for drafting and implementing AI Development and  
16 Procurement Standards which shall include a risk assessment for the City's use of AI technology. The  
17 CIO will make a recommendation whether to procure and/or implement the AI technology and the  
18 required risk mitigation for the AI technology before it is used. A Department's decision to proceed  
19 with the procurement and/or implementation of the AI technology and the CIO recommendation will be  
20 documented as part of the AI inventory.

21 (d) The Department of Technology ("DT") shall provide and manage a public facing single  
22 Internet site (web portal) for the Inventory.

23 (e) Each Department shall:

- 24 (1) Complete and return the Inventory to the CIO;
- 25 (2) Notify DT of any updates to published vendor questionnaires;

1                     (3) Participate in and facilitate a timely and accurate AI Impact Assessment; and  
2                     (4) Adhere to the process established within the AI Procurement and Development  
3                     Standards.

4                     **SEC. 22J.4. PROMOTION OF THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

5                     In enacting and implementing this Chapter 22J, the City is assuming an undertaking only to  
6                     promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an  
7                     obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach  
8                     proximately caused injury.

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10                    Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
11                    enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
12                    ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
13                    of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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15                    APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
16                    DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Artificial Intelligence Inventory, Impact Assessment, and Procurement Standards]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a process for creating a publicly available inventory of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) the City procures, and to develop an impact assessment standard for the City’s procurement of AI.

### **Existing Law**

Existing law does not address the procurement of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) systems or products by the City.

### **Amendments to Current Law**

This ordinance would amend the Administrative Code by adding Section 22J to the San Francisco Administrative Code to:

- (i) establish a process for creating and publishing an inventory of AI systems currently in use and to be procured in the future by the City;
- (ii) require the development of impact assessment standards for all AI tools used by the City;
- (iii) require the City to adopt standards for the development and procurement of AI tools by the City; and
- (iv) delegate to the various responsibilities necessary to implement these tasks.

### **Background Information**

Local governments have been using AI products since the early 1990s. However, beginning in the 2010s significant advancements in AI technology, including machine and deep learning, led to a surge in adoption of various products by local governments. With the recent advent of Generative AI products like Chat GPT and others that produce original content, the potential benefits and risks to San Francisco residents and workers has increased.

Policy makers are trying to avoid past mistakes, like the failure to regulate social media before it led to many societal harms and find ways to protect human beings from the worst predictable problems of this newest wave of technological advancement.

The City wants to both harness the benefits and protect against harms of emerging AI technology. To do that, it is important that policy makers and the public understand what AI technologies the City is using and will use in the future.

The City has a decentralized Information Technology (“IT”) system. Most City departments have their own IT units and as of 2024 the City’s Department of Technology (“DT”) did not generally know what AI products and systems were in use by departments. This ordinance would require the City create a publicly available inventory of all AI systems currently in use by departments. The list would be published by the Department of Technology on a public facing single Internet site within six months of the effective date of the ordinance and would be updated on a rolling basis.

The City CIO would also be responsible for drafting an Impact Assessment of AI Systems currently in use and to be procured by the City in the future which at a minimum would consider the following:

- (1) The individuals and communities that will interact with the system;
- (2) How the information or decisions generated by the system could impact an individual’s rights, freedoms, economic status, health, health care, or well-being;
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- (7) Any other information the CIO or COIT deem appropriate, including but not limited to modifications to items (1) through (6).

The CIO would also draft AI Development and Procurement Standards which would assess the risk for the City’s use of particular types of AI technology. The CIO would recommend whether to procure the technology and the risk mitigation required before the technology was used. A department’s decision to proceed with the procurement of the technology and the CIO’s recommendation would be documented and published as part of the AI Inventory.

City Departments would be required to complete and return the Inventory to the CIO, notify the Department of Technology of any updates to published inventory, participate in and facilitate a timely and accurate AI Impact Assessment; and adhere to the process established in AI Procurement and Development Standards.

**Introduction Form**

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without ~~Committee Reference~~ <sup>BY</sup> AK)  
*(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)*
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. \_\_\_\_\_ from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Reactivate File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission     Youth Commission     Ethics Commission
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General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes     No

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Sponsor(s):

Ronen, Peskin, Chan, Preston

Subject:

Administrative Code - Artificial Intelligence Inventory, Impact Assessment, and Procurement Standards

Long Title or text listed:

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\* We kindly request this ordinance be assigned to the Rules Committee.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Hillary Ronen

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Please note our request that the ordinance be assigned to Rules Committee.

Thank you,  
Sheila

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Thank you, Sheila, yes to cosponsor the legislation and thank you for checking. -- Connie

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Confirmed on behalf of Supervisor Preston. Thanks!

Preston Kilgore  
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Thank you Sheila.

Confirming for Supervisor Walton.

**Natalie Gee** 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff  
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Supervisor Walton has requested that we add him to Supervisor Ronen's ordinance: Administrative Code -Artificial Intelligence Inventory, Impact Assessment, and Procurement Standards. I have cc'ed Supervisor Walton and Natalie Gee to confirm their co-sponsorship.

Thank you,  
Sheila

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Lisa,

Via this email I confirm that the attached ordinance is approved as to form, and the /s/ next to my name in the signature line of the ordinance has the same effect as my signature.

Thanks,

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Hello,

We are seeking the approval from Deputy City Attorney Margarita for use of her electronic signature and approval as to form for the attached proposed Ordinance, by reply to this email. Thank you.

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Please note our request that the ordinance be assigned to Rules Committee.

Thank you,  
Sheila

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Thank you, Sheila, yes to cosponsor the legislation and thank you for checking. -- Connie

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[Administrative Code - Artificial Intelligence Inventory, Impact Assessment, and Procurement Standards]

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12 ("CIO") to create a public inventory of AI products used within City government. The inventory will  
13 include basic facts about the technology including its purpose, accuracy, biases, and limits.

14           (g) This Chapter also directs the CIO to conduct an analysis of the products in the inventory to  
15 determine the impacts of these technologies on human beings living and working in San Francisco, and  
16 to develop procurement standards.

17           (h) As of 2024, the City used AI products in a variety of ways. Here are just a few illustrative  
18 examples:

19           (1) The Department of Technology used AI to review activity on IT infrastructure for network  
20 security, intrusion detection, and to identify other potential cybersecurity threats.

21           (2) The SF311 mobile application used AI to make upfront service type recommendations based  
22 on the user's description or picture of the issue. A model had been trained on years of service request  
23 (SR) data.

24           (3) The Department of Public Health (DPH) Radiology Department used an AI-based medical  
25 imaging tool to support the confirmatory diagnosis of cerebrovascular events (strokes). The AI system

1 reviewed imaging studies (CT scans) and provided supporting information to the physicians who make  
2 the diagnoses.

3 (i) The use of AI products by local governments can offer many benefits including but not  
4 limited to increased efficiency and effectiveness of public services, quick and accurate analysis of large  
5 volumes of data, automation of routine administrative tasks, facilitation of communication between  
6 residents and their local government through chatbots and virtual assistants, and prediction of  
7 potential hazards.

8 (j) However, with the increased use of AI products, local governments also potentially subject  
9 their workers, residents, and visitors to new risks, including:

10 (1) Privacy Concerns: AI systems often collect, store, and analyze vast amounts of data, which  
11 can include personal information of individuals. This raises concerns about privacy breaches,  
12 unauthorized data sharing, and surveillance, potentially leading to a loss of anonymity in public  
13 spaces.

14 (2) Bias and Discrimination: AI algorithms can perpetuate or amplify existing biases if they are  
15 trained on data that reflects societal inequities. This can result in discriminatory outcomes in areas  
16 such as law enforcement, housing, and public services, disproportionately affecting marginalized  
17 communities.

18 (3) Lack of Transparency: Many AI systems operate as "black boxes," meaning the processes  
19 and decision-making criteria are not transparent to users or the public. This can erode trust and make  
20 it challenging for individuals to understand how decisions that affect their lives are made.

21 (4) Job Displacement: The automation of certain government functions through AI can lead to  
22 job losses in the public sector or in industries reliant on those functions, impacting the employment  
23 landscape and economic stability of communities.



1           (5) Security Risks: AI systems can be vulnerable to cyberattacks and exploitation. If malicious  
2 actors gain access to these systems, they can manipulate data, disrupt services, or compromise  
3 sensitive information, potentially leading to significant harm to individuals.

4           (6) Dependence on Technology: Increasing reliance on AI for critical services may create  
5 vulnerabilities. Technical failures or misconfigurations can result in service interruptions or errors that  
6 affect public safety and welfare.

7           (7) Ethical Concerns: The application of AI in sensitive areas (e.g., policing, social services)  
8 raises ethical concerns about the appropriateness of AI decisions in life-altering contexts, such as risk  
9 assessment for individuals involved in the justice system or the allocation of social support.

10           (8) Erosion of Civil Liberties: Heightened surveillance and data collection through AI can  
11 infringe on civil liberties, prompting concerns about the potential overreach of government authority  
12 and reduced freedoms for individuals.

13           (9) Public Mistrust: The combination of the above risks can lead to a general sense of mistrust  
14 in government, where residents may feel that the government is not acting in their best interests or that  
15 their rights are being compromised.

16           (k) In order to promote the ethical, responsible, and transparent use of AI tools, this Chapter  
17 develops impact assessment standards for their procurement. These standards include a risk  
18 assessment procedure that analyzes specified characteristics of the AI tool, appropriate risk controls,  
19 and adverse incident monitoring procedures.

20           **SEC. 22J.2. DEFINITIONS.**

21           For the purposes of this Chapter 22J, the following definitions shall apply:

22           “AI” means Artificial Intelligence.

23           “Algorithms” means a set of rules that a machine follows to generate an outcome or a  
24 decision.

1 “Artificial Intelligence” means an engineered or machine-based system that varies in its level  
2 of autonomy and that can, for explicit or implicit objectives, infer from the input it receives how to  
3 generate outputs that can influence physical or virtual environments.

4 “Chatbot” means a computer program that simulates conversations.

5 “CIO” means the City’s Chief Information Officer, or designee.

6 “City” means the City and County of San Francisco.

7 “COIT” means the Committee on Information and Communications Technology or one of its  
8 committees.

9 “Department” means any unit or component of City government, including but not limited to  
10 boards and commissions, departments, offices, agencies, or officials..

11 “Training Data” means the dataset that is used by a machine learning model to learn the rules.

12 **SEC. 22J.3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

13 (a) City Chief Information Officer. Within six months of the effective date of this Chapter 22J,  
14 the CIO shall distribute a list of questions regarding AI technology in use from Departments, collect the  
15 responses and begin publishing the responses on a publicly available website. Within a year of the  
16 effective date, the inventory shall be complete and it shall be updated as systems are put into use. The  
17 inventory shall require Departments to disclose the products or systems that include AI technology the  
18 Department has procured, and for each product shall disclose the following information:

19 (1) A brief description of the system’s purpose and function;

20 (2) The intended use of the system;

21 (3) The context or domain in which the system is intended to be used;

22 (4) The data used to train the system;

23 (5) A high-level explanation of how the system works;

24 (6) A description of the data fed into the system and the data generated by the system;

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1 (7) A description of what the system is optimizing for, and its accuracy, preferably with  
2 numerical performance metrics (e.g., BiLingual Evaluation Understudy (BLEU) scores for AI language  
3 translation tools);

4 (8) Conditions necessary for the system to perform optimally (e.g., outdoor cameras  
5 with AI technology performing well in sunny weather);

6 (9) Conditions under which the system's performance would decrease in accuracy (e.g.,  
7 outdoor cameras with AI technology possibly performing sub-optimally on rainy or cloudy days);

8 (10) Whether testing has been performed to identify any bias in the system, such as bias  
9 based on race, gender, etc., and the results of those tests;

10 (11) A description of how and where users report bias, inaccuracies, or poor  
11 performance of the system;

12 (12) A description of the conditions or circumstances under which the system has been  
13 tested;

14 (13) A description of adverse incident monitoring procedures and communication;

15 (14) A description of the level of human oversight associated with the system;

16 (15) A description of whether the data collected will or can be used for training of  
17 proprietary vendor or third-party systems; and

18 (16) Any other information the CIO or the Committee on Information Technology  
19 (COIT) deem appropriate.

20 (b) Within a year of the effective date of this Chapter 22J, the CIO shall be responsible for  
21 creating a process to conduct an AI Impact Assessment on all AI products or systems used by the City.  
22 The CIO's AI Impact Assessment shall be included in the information provided publicly in the City's AI  
23 inventory. The CIO may include input from relevant Departments, labor unions, and public interest or  
24 non-profit organizations when conducting the AI Impact Assessment. The CIO shall perform AI Impact  
25 Assessment on all AI products with the exception of products that do not in any way impact the public's



1 or an individual's rights, opportunities, or access to critical needs. Examples of products that do not  
2 need an AI Impact Assessment include systems for document management, grammar or spell checkers,  
3 and email filtering. At minimum, where relevant, the AI Impact Assessment shall include the following:

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6 individual's rights, freedoms, economic status, health, health care, or well-being;

7 \_\_\_\_\_ (3) How users with diverse abilities will interact with the user interface of the system  
8 and whether the system integrates and interacts with commonly used assistive technologies;

9 \_\_\_\_\_ (4) Whether the system is expected to replace any jobs currently being performed by  
10 human beings;

11 \_\_\_\_\_ (5) Why the City purchased or intends to purchase the product;

12 \_\_\_\_\_ (6) Steps to be taken to mitigate the risk of the AI use or system; and

13 \_\_\_\_\_ (7) Any other information the CIO or COIT deem appropriate, including but not limited  
14 to modifications to items (1) through (6).

15 (c) The CIO shall be responsible for drafting and implementing AI Development and  
16 Procurement Standards which shall include a risk assessment for the City's use of AI technology. The  
17 CIO will make a recommendation whether to procure and/or implement the AI technology and the  
18 required risk mitigation for the AI technology before it is used. A Department's decision to proceed  
19 with the procurement and/or implementation of the AI technology and the CIO recommendation will be  
20 documented as part of the AI inventory.

21 (d) The Department of Technology ("DT") shall provide and manage a public facing single  
22 Internet site (web portal) for the Inventory.

23 (e) Each Department shall:

24 \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Complete and return the Inventory to the CIO;

25 \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Notify DT of any updates to published vendor questionnaires;

1           (3) Participate in and facilitate a timely and accurate AI Impact Assessment; and

2           (4) Adhere to the process established within the AI Procurement and Development

3           Standards.

4           **SEC. 22J.4. PROMOTION OF THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

5           *In enacting and implementing this Chapter 22J, the City is assuming an undertaking only to*  
6           *promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an*  
7           *obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach*  
8           *proximately caused injury.*

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10           Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
11           enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
12           ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
13           of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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15           APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
16           DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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18           By:                              /s/                
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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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### Existing Law

Existing law does not address the procurement of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) systems or products by the City.

### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Administrative Code by adding Section 22J to the San Francisco Administrative Code to:

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- (ii) require the development of impact assessment standards for all AI tools used by the City;
- (iii) require the City to adopt standards for the development and procurement of AI tools by the City; and
- (iv) delegate to the various responsibilities necessary to implement these tasks.

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12 (“CIO”) to create a public inventory of AI products used within City government. The inventory will  
13 include basic facts about the technology including its purpose, accuracy, biases, and limits.

14 (g) This Chapter also directs the CIO to conduct an analysis of the products in the inventory to  
15 determine the impacts of these technologies on human beings living and working in San Francisco, and  
16 to develop procurement standards.

17 (h) As of 2024, the City used AI products in a variety of ways. Here are just a few illustrative  
18 examples:

19 (1) The Department of Technology used AI to review activity on IT infrastructure for network  
20 security, intrusion detection, and to identify other potential cybersecurity threats.

21 (2) The SF311 mobile application used AI to make upfront service type recommendations based  
22 on the user’s description or picture of the issue. A model had been trained on years of service request  
23 (SR) data.

24 (3) The Department of Public Health (DPH) Radiology Department used an AI-based medical  
25 imaging tool to support the confirmatory diagnosis of cerebrovascular events (strokes). The AI system

1 reviewed imaging studies (CT scans) and provided supporting information to the physicians who make  
2 the diagnoses.

3 (i) The use of AI products by local governments can offer many benefits including but not  
4 limited to increased efficiency and effectiveness of public services, quick and accurate analysis of large  
5 volumes of data, automation of routine administrative tasks, facilitation of communication between  
6 residents and their local government through chatbots and virtual assistants, and prediction of  
7 potential hazards.

8 (j) However, with the increased use of AI products, local governments also potentially subject  
9 their workers, residents, and visitors to new risks, including:

10 (1) Privacy Concerns: AI systems often collect, store, and analyze vast amounts of data, which  
11 can include personal information of individuals. This raises concerns about privacy breaches,  
12 unauthorized data sharing, and surveillance, potentially leading to a loss of anonymity in public  
13 spaces.

14 (2) Bias and Discrimination: AI algorithms can perpetuate or amplify existing biases if they are  
15 trained on data that reflects societal inequities. This can result in discriminatory outcomes in areas  
16 such as law enforcement, housing, and public services, disproportionately affecting marginalized  
17 communities.

18 (3) Lack of Transparency: Many AI systems operate as "black boxes," meaning the processes  
19 and decision-making criteria are not transparent to users or the public. This can erode trust and make  
20 it challenging for individuals to understand how decisions that affect their lives are made.

21 (4) Job Displacement: The automation of certain government functions through AI can lead to  
22 job losses in the public sector or in industries reliant on those functions, impacting the employment  
23 landscape and economic stability of communities.

1           (5) Security Risks: AI systems can be vulnerable to cyberattacks and exploitation. If malicious  
2 actors gain access to these systems, they can manipulate data, disrupt services, or compromise  
3 sensitive information, potentially leading to significant harm to individuals.

4           (6) Dependence on Technology: Increasing reliance on AI for critical services may create  
5 vulnerabilities. Technical failures or misconfigurations can result in service interruptions or errors that  
6 affect public safety and welfare.

7           (7) Ethical Concerns: The application of AI in sensitive areas (e.g., policing, social services)  
8 raises ethical concerns about the appropriateness of AI decisions in life-altering contexts, such as risk  
9 assessment for individuals involved in the justice system or the allocation of social support.

10           (8) Erosion of Civil Liberties: Heightened surveillance and data collection through AI can  
11 infringe on civil liberties, prompting concerns about the potential overreach of government authority  
12 and reduced freedoms for individuals.

13           (9) Public Mistrust: The combination of the above risks can lead to a general sense of mistrust  
14 in government, where residents may feel that the government is not acting in their best interests or that  
15 their rights are being compromised.

16           (k) In order to promote the ethical, responsible, and transparent use of AI tools, this Chapter  
17 develops impact assessment standards for their procurement. These standards include a risk  
18 assessment procedure that analyzes specified characteristics of the AI tool, appropriate risk controls,  
19 and adverse incident monitoring procedures.

20           **SEC. 22J.2. DEFINITIONS.**

21           For the purposes of this Chapter 22J, the following definitions shall apply:

22           “AI” means Artificial Intelligence.

23           “Algorithms” means a set of rules that a machine follows to generate an outcome or a  
24 decision.

1 “Artificial Intelligence” means an engineered or machine-based system that varies in its level  
2 of autonomy and that can, for explicit or implicit objectives, infer from the input it receives how to  
3 generate outputs that can influence physical or virtual environments.

4 “Chatbot” means a computer program that simulates conversations.

5 “CIO” means the City’s Chief Information Officer, or designee.

6 “City” means the City and County of San Francisco.

7 “COIT” means the Committee on Information and Communications Technology or one of its  
8 committees.

9 “Department” means any unit or component of City government, including but not limited to  
10 boards and commissions, departments, offices, agencies, or officials..

11 “Training Data” means the dataset that is used by a machine learning model to learn the rules.

12 **SEC. 22J.3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

13 (a) City Chief Information Officer. Within six months of the effective date of this Chapter 22J,  
14 the CIO shall distribute a list of questions regarding AI technology in use from Departments, collect the  
15 responses and begin publishing the responses on a publicly available website. Within a year of the  
16 effective date, the inventory shall be complete and it shall be updated as systems are put into use. The  
17 inventory shall require Departments to disclose the products or systems that include AI technology the  
18 Department has procured, and for each product shall disclose the following information:

19 (1) A brief description of the system’s purpose and function;

20 (2) The intended use of the system;

21 (3) The context or domain in which the system is intended to be used;

22 (4) The data used to train the system;

23 (5) A high-level explanation of how the system works;

24 (6) A description of the data fed into the system and the data generated by the system;

1           (7) A description of what the system is optimizing for, and its accuracy, preferably with  
2 numerical performance metrics (e.g., BiLingual Evaluation Understudy (BLEU) scores for AI language  
3 translation tools);

4           (8) Conditions necessary for the system to perform optimally (e.g., outdoor cameras  
5 with AI technology performing well in sunny weather);

6           (9) Conditions under which the system’s performance would decrease in accuracy (e.g.,  
7 outdoor cameras with AI technology possibly performing sub-optimally on rainy or cloudy days);

8           (10) Whether testing has been performed to identify any bias in the system, such as bias  
9 based on race, gender, etc., and the results of those tests;

10           (11) A description of how and where users report bias, inaccuracies, or poor  
11 performance of the system;

12           (12) A description of the conditions or circumstances under which the system has been  
13 tested;

14           (13) A description of adverse incident monitoring procedures and communication;

15           (14) A description of the level of human oversight associated with the system;

16           (15) A description of whether the data collected will or can be used for training of  
17 proprietary vendor or third-party systems; and

18           (16) Any other information the CIO or the Committee on Information Technology  
19 (COIT) deem appropriate.

20           (b) Within a year of the effective date of this Chapter 22J, the CIO shall be responsible for  
21 creating a process to conduct an AI Impact Assessment on all AI products or systems used by the City.  
22 The CIO’s AI Impact Assessment shall be included in the information provided publicly in the City’s AI  
23 inventory. The CIO may include input from relevant Departments, labor unions, and public interest or  
24 non-profit organizations when conducting the AI Impact Assessment. The CIO shall perform AI Impact  
25 Assessment on all AI products with the exception of products that do not in any way impact the public’s

1 or an individual's rights, opportunities, or access to critical needs. Examples of products that do not  
2 need an AI Impact Assessment include systems for document management, grammar or spell checkers,  
3 and email filtering. At minimum, where relevant, the AI Impact Assessment shall include the following:

- 4 (1) The individuals and communities that will interact with the system;
- 5 (2) How the information or decisions generated by the system could impact an  
6 individual's rights, freedoms, economic status, health, health care, or well-being;
- 7 (3) How users with diverse abilities will interact with the user interface of the system  
8 and whether the system integrates and interacts with commonly used assistive technologies;
- 9 (4) Whether the system is expected to replace any jobs currently being performed by  
10 human beings;
- 11 (5) Why the City purchased or intends to purchase the product;
- 12 (6) Steps to be taken to mitigate the risk of the AI use or system; and
- 13 (7) Any other information the CIO or COIT deem appropriate, including but not limited  
14 to modifications to items (1) through (6).

15 (c) The CIO shall be responsible for drafting and implementing AI Development and  
16 Procurement Standards which shall include a risk assessment for the City's use of AI technology. The  
17 CIO will make a recommendation whether to procure and/or implement the AI technology and the  
18 required risk mitigation for the AI technology before it is used. A Department's decision to proceed  
19 with the procurement and/or implementation of the AI technology and the CIO recommendation will be  
20 documented as part of the AI inventory.

21 (d) The Department of Technology ("DT") shall provide and manage a public facing single  
22 Internet site (web portal) for the Inventory.

23 (e) Each Department shall:

- 24 (1) Complete and return the Inventory to the CIO;
- 25 (2) Notify DT of any updates to published vendor questionnaires;

1 (3) Participate in and facilitate a timely and accurate AI Impact Assessment; and  
2 (4) Adhere to the process established within the AI Procurement and Development  
3 Standards.

4 **SEC. 22J.4. PROMOTION OF THE GENERAL WELFARE.**

5 In enacting and implementing this Chapter 22J, the City is assuming an undertaking only to  
6 promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an  
7 obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach  
8 proximately caused injury.

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10 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
11 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
12 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
13 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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